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Safety Note

Are YOU the Monday Morning Safety Brief?

As former Chief Astronaut Hoot Gibson used to say, "Just remember, no one is useless; they can always serve as a bad example."

Let's hope you will never be that bad example at the next organizational safety brief. We all do a very good job of emphasizing safety at work. We perform job hazard analyses, enforce hands-free cell phone usage while driving, we wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate to the task, and so on. But, **what happens when we are at home?**

What kind of example do we set for our family and neighbors? Do you pick up the cell phone as soon as you've passed the gate? What about donning eye and hearing protection for our jobs at home?

Admittedly, I've done things away from work that I wouldn't have done on-site; have you? Usually it's because I don't want to stop in the middle of a project to get the appropriate PPE, especially when it's only needed for a short time. Kind of "stupid" for a pilot who relies on eyesight for his livelihood and enjoyment— isn't it? The examples are countless! I'll bet we've all done it. If safety is truly one of our core values, what does this say about us?

Just some food for thought. I'd hate for you to be that bad example at the next safety brief.

Be safe,

Bob



Verify Your Sources of Information

There are some online sites that present unconfirmed information as fact. Many of these online sites are built to resemble credible resources. However, any information you see online should always be cross-checked with at least three other references. Data and information integrity is important in all we do. A case in point: The poster below was circulated as an Australasian Radiation Protection Society (ARPS) map



FAKE misrepresented ARPS map

indicating nuclear fallout. The ARPS logo was used inappropriately to add credibility to the false map. By checking the ARPS, it was found that no such map was released, and that ARPS identified the map as a hoax. However, many people across the globe began to circulate this map as a real threat. This is why it is so important to cross-check information!

If you have questions, comments, or a topic you would like to see addressed: please send to Reneka Whicker at reneka.a.whicker@nasa.gov or Brian Gloade at brian.i.gloade@nasa.gov

Did You Know

OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist Joan Spencer will be at Kennedy Space Center on April 20 for an OSHA Update. The update will be on hot OSHA issues, such as falls, combustible dust, enforcement and rule-making efforts.

The event will take place at the KSC Training Auditorium from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Contact [Tom Dwyer](mailto:Tom.Dwyer@nasa.gov), 867-9366, for more information.

Real or Fake

A)



B)



C)



photo illustrator
her mini donkey C) Fake -
Real - woman shops with
A) Real - giant sneaker B)